



**City of Freeport  
SPECIAL MEETING**

8:45 a.m./Council Chambers/Freeport City Hall a  
August 9, 2016 Minutes

**I. Meeting Opened**

The August 9, 2016 Special Council Meeting was called to order at 8:45 AM by Mayor Russ Barley. The meeting was held in City Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

Council members present: Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Janice McLean, Councilwoman Kasey Cuchens, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, and Councilwoman Jennifer Laird.

Staff present: City Clerk Rebecca Podraza, City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Hughes Neel, Parks Director Dana Weiler and City Engineer Anna Hudson.

**II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Cuchens, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**III. FRDAP Grant**

Councilwoman Cuchens explained to the Council that this Special Meeting is in regards to the FRDAP Grant called "*Opportunities for Individuals with Unique Abilities.*" This is a special grant cycle which closes on August 17, 2016 and the Special Meeting was called in order to fulfill the requirements of the grant application. Councilwoman Cuchens thanked everyone for coming.

Individuals with unique abilities are individuals that have a disability that would make them unable to use the playground equipment or exercise equipment that the City currently has. Councilwoman Cuchens provided a drawing which shows the Phase 3 Plan of the Sports Complex as well as a breakdown of exactly what all the costs will be.

Parks Director Weiler approached the podium. Weiler explained that the goal of this grant is to convert one of the four shuffle board areas into an all-inclusive outdoor fitness center. Each station is built for the outdoors and will accommodate any disability and any age. The existing shuffle board courts would be poured over to provide a six inch base to attach the equipment to. This will also be connected to the existing walkway. An ADA Access will be added to the parking area.

Two additional ADA compliant parking spaces will also be added and connect to the basketball court. The basketball courts will be resurfaced and the goals will be replaced with adjustable basketball hoops with shatter proof backboards. They will accommodate heights from 5 ½ to 10 feet and have a lifetime warranty. This will make the entire area accessible to all.

The City of Freeport may take action on any matter during this meeting, including items that are not set forth within this agenda.

In accordance with Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's office at 850-835-2822 by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting.

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Councilwoman Cuchens reviewed the budget estimate. The package for this application will be put together by Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at the latest and they do not foresee any changes to the numbers presented. The Council was asked to review the cost estimate. In kind donations are in the amount of \$9,400.00. The total estimate is \$79,400. Councilwoman Cuchens is asking for \$5,000.00 as matching funds from the City. There is money that was set aside in an account for BP that will cover the matching funds being requested.

*Council Action: Councilwoman Cuchens made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 in matching funds if awarded the FRDAP grant for Opportunities for Individuals with Unique Abilities. Councilwoman Laird seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.*

**Adjournment**

Mayor Russ Barley called for a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman McLean motioned to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL

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Mayor

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Council President

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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